studies such as M. Phil and Ph.D. The grants under the scheme are released to the eligible ST students including from State of Goa and not to State Governments.

Assistance to tribal sub-plan

3687. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of Special Central Assistance to the tribal sub-plan as sanctioned to different States and Union Territories during 2006-07 and 2007-08;

(b) the percentage of utilisation of the funds by the States/UTs; and

(c) the reasons for low percentage" of utilisation in some States/UTs and the remedy proposed for it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (DR. RAMESHWAR ORAON): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Tribal Affairs releases grants under the programme Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Plan (SCA to TSP) to 22 States. Details of funds released during 2006-07 and 2007-08 alongwith utilization reported are given in the inclosed Statement *(See* below).

(c) State Governments are expected to utilize the funds released within a period of 12 months from issue of sanction and the Ministry constantly pursues with the concerned State Governments in this regard. Funds are released to those States which submit the Utilization Certificates. Non completion of works within the period of twelve months and the non-submission of accounts are the main reasons for non-utilization of funds provided. Improving the capacity to execute and provide accounts in States is the essential remedy.

Statement

State-wise details of fund releases and utilization awaited in the case of SCA to TSP for 2006-07 W2007-08

(Rs. in lakh)

SIN	o. State	2006-07			2007-08		
		Fund Released	Amount for which *UC* Received	%of utilization	Fund Released	Amount for which UC received	%of utilization @
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Andhra Pradesh	3344.33	2912.03	87.07	3712.99	0.00	0.00
2.	Assam	3601.59	3601.59	100.00	3220.27	0.00	0.00
3.	Bihar	656.00	0.00	0.00	715.50	0.00	0.00
4.	Chhattisgarh	5477.04	5457.48	99.64	5893.78	2369.70	40.20
5.	Goa	110.00	0.TJ0	0.00	133.00	0.00	0.00
6.	Gujarat	4882.13	4868.77	99.72	5419.14	0.00	0.00

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
7.	Himachal Pradesh	1022.14	1022.14	100.00	1133.43	0.00	0.00
8.	Jharkhand	7041.25	0.00	0.00	7711.12	0.00	0.00
9.	J&K	1088.00	1088.00	100.00	956.24	0.00	0.00
10.	Karnataka	1242.00	1242.00	100.00	1372.00	0.0	0.00
11.	Kerala	318.13	198.26	62.32	352.36	0.00	0.00
12.	Madhya Pradesh	10126.02	10126.02	100.00	9129.39	4066.10	44.53
13.	Maharashtra	3888.00	3888.00	100.00	4293.00	0.00	0.00
14.	Manipur	796.00	0.00	0.00	879.00	0.00	0.00
15.	Orissa	7695.87	7695.87	100.00	8543.41	2962.72	34.67
16.	Rajasthan	4214.00	2737.61	64.96	4654.00	0.00	0.00
17.	Sikkim	135.52	6.51	4.80	280.36	0.00	0.00
18.	Tamil Nadu	375.55	16.91	4.50	142.59	0.00	0.00
19.	Tripura	1240.34	0.00	0.00	1813.28	0.00	0.00
20.	Uttar Pradesh	0.00	0.00	0.00	425.36	0.00	0.00
21.	Uttarakhand	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
22.	West Bengal	2270.00	2168.09	95.51	2894.59	0.00	0.00
	GRAND TOTAL:	59573.91	47029.28	78.94	63179.81	9398.52	14.87

@ For fund releases of 2007-08 UCs fall due during 2008-09.

NOTE: Utilization reported for 2006-07 and 2007-08 is 78.94% and 14.87% respectively.

Residential schools for tribals in Orissa

3688. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to open residential girls schools for tribals in around 53 districts of Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a centrally funded project; and

(d) what is the action plan of the Central Government to help the State, both financially and physically, to take up other developmental projects in the tribal belts^ to improve the standards of life of the tribals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (DR. RAMESHWAR ORAON): (a) and (b) As per the information received from State Government of Orissa, action has been initiated by the State Government to open 52 new Residential Girls' High Schools for ST Girls beginning from classes VI to X, with free boarding/